3.	Manipur	08	(i) Imphal	(i) Bishnupur (ii) Chandel (iii) Churachandpur (iv) Senapati (v) Tamenglong (vi) Thoubal (vii) Ukhrul
4.	Meghalaya	07	(i) West Garo Hills	(i) East Garo Hills (ii) East Khasi Hills (iii) Jaintia Hills (iv) West Khasi Hills (v) Ri-Bhoi (vi) South Garo Hills
5.	Mizoram	03	(i) Aizawal (ii) Lunglei	(i) Chhimtuipui
6.	Nagaland	07	(i) Kohima	(i) Mokokchung (ii) Mon (iii) Phek (iv) Tunensang (v) Wokha (vi) Zunheboto
7.	Sikkim	04	(i) East Sikkim	(i) North Sikkim (ii) South Sikkim (iii) West Sikkim
8.	Tripura	04	(i) South Tripura (ii) West Tripura	(i) North Tripura (ii) Dhalai
	TOTAL	69	13	56

Loans to Farmers of North Eastern Region

776. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given to NER for providing agriculture loans to farmers during the last five years, State-wise/year wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance proposed to be granted for the purpose during the 9th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government

in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Total financial assistance provided by various banks to NER in the form of loans to farmers during the last five years is Rs. 519.98 crore. State-wise/year-wise details of the financial assistance are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

In addition to above, NABARD has been sanctioning loans for implementing various programmes in rural areas out of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). The programmes/loans sanctioned to NER States under RIDF are given as under:—

Under RIDF-V, a programme of 30000 shallow tubewells involving NABARD loan of Rs. 41.40 crore has been sanctioned in Assam.

— Under RIDF-I, 66 minor irrigation projects with NABARD loan of Rs. 1.75 crore have been sanctioned in Manipur.

— In Nagaland 18 projects with a NABARD loan of Rs. 6.06 crore has been sanctioned under RIDF-I.

— In Mizoram 21 projects involving NABARD loan of Rs. 2.38 crores under RIDF-I and 20 projects involving Rs. 48.68 crores under RIDF-V have been sanctioned.

(b) Loans to farmers are provided as per their requirement. Therefore, no separate State-wise targets for the disbursement of agricultural loans for NER for the 9th Five Year Plan have been fixed.

(c) As the cooperative structure in the Region is weak, NABARD has taken various measures for increasing the flow of credit in NER as under:—

— Minimum recovery norms for sanction of credit limits have been relaxed.

— Norms in the discipline of Minimum Involvement of Internal Lendable resources of the banks have been relaxed.

— Refinance from NABARD has been made available at an increased rate both under Farm and Non-Farm sector.

— Banks/branches with annual recovery rate of 50% and above will have unrestricted eligibility for re-finance.

— Banks operating in NER are charged interest at minimum rate i.e. 5.5% irrespective of their level of dependence on Short Term (Seasonal Agricultural Operations) refinance.

— Kisan Credit Card Scheme aimed at providing adequate and timely credit support to the farmers from banking system has been launched.

Statement

Rs. Crore

S. No.	Name of State	Total Loans for Agricultural and Allied Sector Disbursed by Various Banks During the Year				
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.97	0.97	2.74	3.46	4.25
2.	Assam	6.07	32.07	38.85	154.10	170.78
3.	Manipur	0.08	1.91	4.36	2.92	1.85
4.	Meghalaya	1.97	3.98	3.69	5.23	5.15
5.	Mizoram	0.92	1.15	3.55	1.97	1.57
6.	Nagaland	2.26	3.25	4.37	4.11	4.30
7.	Tripura	4.4	6.83	8.90	11.19	8.30
8.	Sikkim	0	0.98	2.44	1.91	2.23
	Total	16.67	51.14	68.90	184.84	198.43